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Die Presse Article on Soviet Bloc Disinformation Operations

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1. Herewith is a copy of the feature article of the 19 July 1973 edition of Die Presse regarding the conduct of black propaganda and other disinformation operations by Soviet Bloc intelligence services.

2. A topical "hook" was provided the article by the opening paragraph suggesting that the stories of a massacre perpetrated by the Portuguese in Mozambique were launched by Soviet Bloc intelligence in order to prejudice the London visit by the Portuguese Prime Minister and generally to sow dissension amongst NATO allies. The rest of the article, as will be noted, is drawn chiefly from the recently published German edition of Ladislav Bittman's book regarding disinformation operations carried out by the Czech service.

3. In keeping with the Austrian tradition of neutrality, the final paragraph notes that western intelligence services likewise indulge in black propaganda operations, but accords the Soviets and their satraps superiority both in volume and effectiveness.

4. Honesty prohibits us from taking any credit for the appearance of this article. Bittman is a personage of particular interest to the Vienna press by reason of his past assignment here, beyond which the attached article is but another instance of the well established pro-western, pro-NATO sentiments of GRCAMERA, which sentiments dominate the editorial line of the paper. The article may be useful for replay, however.

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